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## CEREBROSPINAL MENINGITIS IN TEXAS.

Cerebrospinal meningitis is present in numerous localities in Texas. No information as to its prevalence has been received since January 25, for which see Public Health Reports of January 26, page 128.

Surg. Guiteras at Galveston reports January 30 that the case suspected of being cerebrospinal meningitis, which was reported January 20, has been confirmed, and that 2 new cases were reported January 27 and 2 new cases with 1 death January 29.

Surg. Guiteras further reported: Three new cases of cerebrospinal meningitis with 1 death were reported January 30, and on February 1, 2 new cases. The total number of cases reported since January 20 is 11, with 3 deaths.

### Examination at Tampico of Vessels from Texas Ports.

The American consul at Tampico reports February 3 that all vessels arriving from Texas ports are being especially examined for cerebrospinal meningitis.

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## PLAGUE-PREVENTION WORK.

### DISTRIBUTION OF POISON.

In connection with the making and maintenance of a squirrel-free zone around the cities of California on San Francisco Bay, 1,455 acres of land in Alameda County were covered with poison during the week ended January 20, 1912.

During the same period 6,900 acres of land in San Joaquin County and 7,280 acres in Stanislaus County were covered with poison for the purpose of eradicating plague foci.

### RECORD OF PLAGUE INFECTION.

Places.	Date of last case of human plague.	Date of last case of rat plague.	Date of last case of squirrel plague.	Total number of rodents found infected since May, 1907.
California:				
Cities—				
San Francisco.....	Jan. 30, 1908.....	Oct. 23, 1908.....	None.....	398 rats.
Oakland.....	Aug. 9, 1911.....	Dec. 1, 1908.....	.....do.....	126 rats.
Berkeley.....	Aug. 27, 1907.....	None.....	.....do.....	None.
Los Angeles.....	Aug. 11, 1908.....	.....do.....	Aug. 21, 1908.....	1 squirrel.
Counties—				
Alameda (exclusive of Oakland and Berkeley).	Sept. 26, 1909.....	Wood rat, Oct. 17, 1909.	Oct. 9, 1911.....	114 squirrels and 1 wood rat.
Contra Costa.....	July 21, 1911.....	None.....	Sept. 23, 1911.....	364 squirrels.
Fresno.....	None.....	.....do.....	Oct. 27, 1911.....	1 squirrel.
Merced.....	.....do.....	.....do.....	July 13, 1911.....	5 squirrels.
Monterey.....	.....do.....	.....do.....	Aug. 6, 1911.....	Do.
San Benito.....	June 5, 1910.....	.....do.....	June 8, 1911.....	22 squirrels.
San Joaquin.....	Sept. 18, 1911.....	.....do.....	Aug. 26, 1911.....	18 squirrels.
San Luis Obispo.....	None.....	.....do.....	Jan. 29, 1910.....	1 squirrel.
Santa Clara.....	Aug. 23, 1910.....	.....do.....	Oct. 5, 1910.....	23 squirrels.
Santa Cruz.....	None.....	.....do.....	May 17, 1910.....	3 squirrels.
Stanislaus.....	.....do.....	.....do.....	June 2, 1911.....	13 squirrels.
Washington:				
City—				
Seattle.....	Oct. 30, 1907.....	Sept. 21, 1911.....	None.....	25 rats.

## RATS COLLECTED AND EXAMINED FOR PLAGUE INFECTION.

Place.	Week ended—	Found dead.	Total collected.	Examined.	Found infected.
<b>California:</b>					
<b>Cities—</b>					
Berkeley.....	Jan. 20, 1912.....		<sup>1</sup> 135	85	
Fresno.....	.....do.....		<sup>2</sup> 77	77	
Oakland.....	.....do.....	92	<sup>3</sup> 658	387	
San Francisco.....	.....do.....	34	<sup>4</sup> 1,513	1,232	
<b>Counties—</b>					
San Joaquin.....	.....do.....		<sup>5</sup> 136	136	
Santa Clara.....	.....do.....		<sup>6</sup> 49	49	
<b>Washington:</b>					
<b>City—</b>					
Seattle.....	.....do.....		1,126	1,083	

<sup>1</sup> Identified: *Mus norvegicus*, 83; *Mus musculus*, 2.

<sup>2</sup> Identified: *Mus alexandrinus*, 61; *Mus musculus*, 11; unidentified, 5.

<sup>3</sup> Identified: *Mus norvegicus*, 569; *Mus musculus*, 87; *Mus rattus*, 1; *Mus alexandrinus*, 1.

<sup>4</sup> Identified: *Mus norvegicus*, 733; *Mus rattus*, 270; *Mus musculus*, 258; *Mus alexandrinus*, 252.

<sup>5</sup> Identified: *Mus norvegicus*, 124; *Mus alexandrinus*, 12.

<sup>6</sup> Identified: *Mus norvegicus*, 48; *Mus alexandrinus*, 1.

## SMALLPOX IN THE UNITED STATES.

In the following table the States indicated by an asterisk are those from which reports of smallpox are received only from certain city, and in some cases county, boards of health. In these States, therefore, the recorded cases and deaths should not be taken as showing the general prevalence of the disease. In the States not marked by an asterisk the reports are received monthly from the State boards of health, and include all cases reported to the State authorities.

## REPORTS RECEIVED DURING WEEK ENDED FEB. 9, 1912.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
<b>Arizona:</b>				
<b>County—</b>				
Greenlee.....	Nov. 1-30.....	1	1	
<b>Colorado:</b>				
<b>Counties—</b>				
Boulder.....	Jan. 1-31.....	1		
Denver.....	.....do.....	5		
Jefferson.....	.....do.....	1		
Larimer.....	.....do.....	1		
Montrose.....	.....do.....	3		
Pueblo.....	.....do.....	3		
Rio Grande.....	.....do.....	3		
Routt.....	.....do.....	1		
Weid.....	.....do.....	1		
Total for State.....		19		
<b>Florida:</b>				
<b>Counties—</b>				
Duval.....	Jan. 21-27.....	20		
Hernando.....	.....do.....	4		
Orange.....	.....do.....	4		
Total for State.....	.....do.....	28		
<b>*Louisiana:</b>				
New Orleans.....	Jan. 15-21.....	4		
<b>Maryland.....</b>				
Dec. 1-31.....				No cases.
<b>*Missouri:</b>				
St. Louis.....	Jan. 1-27.....	20		